

In the Drawings

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.123, a separate request for correction of drawings has been submitted in conjunction with this amendment. As required by 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.118, care has been exercised to avoid introduction of anything which could be construed to be new matter.

In the Specification

On page 5, line 13, delete the second occurrence of the word "assembly" and replace with the word --section--.

On page 5, line 16, delete the numeral "10" and replace with --6--.

On page 6, line 3, delete the numeral "14" and replace with --15--.

In the Abstract

Please delete the Abstract and replace with the following:

ab > --An umbrella with an illuminated shaft is provided. The shaft of the umbrella is provided with a clear, neon-colored tube. A light source or sources, such as incandescent lamps, located on the interior of the tube provide bright illumination to make the umbrella user more visible to approaching motorists. Thus, in dark and rainy conditions, where visibility is the poorest, the umbrella is clearly seen and is accordingly more safe while user travels by foot. The light sources are powered by two AA batteries and are controlled by an on/off switch.--